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From: [REDACTED]  
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To: exsec\_exsec@ios.doi.gov  
Subject: OUT of CONTROL Antiquities Act

To whom It may concern:

I Applaud your desire to "fact find" the many grossly out-of-proportion Monument Designations!!

I am a 30 year citizen of Blanding, San Juan County, and a life time resident of Utah. This state is a varied and amazing wonderland!! I will focus my statements mostly about the "Bears Ears" Nat'l Monument designation.

No doubt we all want to protect this land, but a National Monument of this magnitude is absolutely ridiculous. It includes many acres of private and state trust lands. That is a mockery of our existence here.

There are many amazing Anasazi Ruins on Cedar Mesa and dotting the whole west. But most are hard to find and are not accessible to a bus load of tourists, I am sorry to say. No....I am not really sorry.....these places shouldn't be run over like a National Monument would do. They should be left alone. This area should NOT be advertised to the whole world, or it will be trampled to death, literally.

First of all, the B.L.M and Forest Service and local citizens have kept this country amazingly well.... much better than other National Monuments.....until Obama went against all local and state recommendations. Now, the public awareness in the past year of this place has put a lot of tourists on the road....looking for a visitors center and potties.

The amazing history of this little corner includes more than 1000 years of blood, sweat and tears....people learning to survive the harsh wilderness life that we have each chosen, learning to respect and get along with each other (natives, ranchers, settlers, sheep herders, outlaws, traders, hunters, etc.), learning to reverence and manage this land by give and take and practice and perfecting together. It has rarely been a smooth path, but a sure one. This huge tract of Monument designation upsets the balance here that we locals have worked to create. A place that people love, a place that families move back to .....San Juan County....the way it was before January 2017.

I am highly offended when people who have never been here, have sooo much to

say about protecting it from us.

Those of us who have chosen to live here, because we love and care for this place, have given up "better health care", cheaper gas, shopping, entertainment, & higher wages that a city offers. We survive here by gathering wood to heat our homes, harvesting the excess wildlife in season, farming and ranching. We enjoy solitude after a hard day of work. This deserves a voice in the care of the land here.

Those who are shouting "PROTECTION" PROTECTION"!!, are really just creating a magnet for hordes of people who don't understand how to survive these wilderness areas. It is protected and it is public, already!

This environmentalist crowd and their deep pockets,\$ \$, are so contradictory in their call! The only thing they really have done is advertise. Now everyone will want to come here. Their money won't be funding the hundreds and hundreds of miles of roads and potties and visitors centers needed to manage a National Monument, oh no! That will be from the overburdened federal tax .

The Antiquities act has its place on a small scale, but not to rob and plunder the states that are nearly all Federally owed already.

Thank you all for your Honest Ear to hear the truth.

Sincerely,

Susan Flavel

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